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1. Forty Czechoslovakian river boats which could not as yet return to Czechoslovakia because of the low water level of the Elbe have been sent from Hamburg to harbors in the Russian Zone. It is more economical to pay the harbor fees and crew wages in East German marks. In Hamburg the crew wages amounted to 40 DM per man daily. There are still 14 Czechoslovak freighters and a tugboat, the PRAHA, at Hamburg.
2. Sotek (fnu), a former manual laborer, has been appointed General Manager of the new Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation Company (CSPLO). The chief clerk, (fnu) Chuml, of the Hamburg office of the old Czechoslovak Elbe Navigation Company was recalled to Czechoslovakia as of 1 July 1952 but as yet has postponed his return. Chuml was formerly employed in the lumber industry and has no particular qualifications for his position in the navigation company. He was appointed to his present post with the help of the former Czechoslovak General Consul in Hamburg, Ing. Josef Fort, who is now in prison in Czechoslovakia.

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